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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
THE DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE AND RESEARCH
WASHINGTON

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Dear Allen:

I wonder if it isn't time for USIB to take a new look (agreed to at the USIB meeting of April 11th) at its approach to intelligence contractors such as RAND, IDA, and other non-commercial, quasi-governmental research organizations. New and changing research requirements raise the question whether the intelligence community is now taking sufficient advantage of what these organizations have to offer, particularly in the politico-military and social science areas.

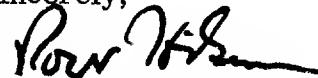
For its part, the Department of State is considering ways by which it can establish useful relationships with these organizations on a continuing as opposed to an ad hoc basis. This relationship might take the form of more contracts, closer and more frequent consultation on special and recurring problems, and other special arrangements -- but no decisions have yet been made.

Other agencies in the intelligence community may wish to proceed along similar lines. If so, this relationship is bound to be a two-way street, and we will need to consider ways by which we can expand the scope and volume of official intelligence materials we are prepared to make available to the contractors on a regular basis. Contractors such as RAND and IDA already do most of their work for official users. We in the intelligence community can favor both our own interests and those of other areas of the government by supplying materials; the more official material the contractors receive, the more relevant and responsive to policy requirements their research efforts will be.

To this end, then, I propose that USIB reexamine its most recent statement of policy on the release of intelligence materials to contractors -- USIB-D-39.5/2 of 10 November 1959, with a view to (a) expanding the scope of materials which can be given to contractors on an automatic and continuing basis (including some State Department and CIA materials presently withheld); (b) making some Top Secret materials available; (c) making SNIEs, NIEs, and other coordinated papers available. Normal limitations and requirements relating to physical security, individual security clearances, and special channels materials would, of course, continue in effect.

I hope we can discuss this at an early USIB meeting.

Sincerely,


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Director

Mr. Allen Dulles, Chairman,
United States Intelligence Board,
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A copy of this letter has already been sent to Bob Amory for his information and for forwarding to [redacted] for necessary action.

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